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1. On 26 January 1952, 120 unarmed troops, including about 10 officers, were seen marching out of the Artillerie Kaserne on Leninstrasse, Chemnitz (N 51/K 66). The troops were red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Several troops were seen leaving the billeting area toward the city of Chemnitz.

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2. About 200 recruits with red-bordered black epaulets were observed marching from the Infanterie Kaserne on Leninstrasse to the municipal indoor swimming pool on 26 January. Several officers with artillery insignia were seen passing through the barracks gate. *

3. A unit of 4 officers and 10 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets and carrying rifles and submachine guns marched out of the Nachrichten Kaserne on the north side of Adalbert Stifterweg, Ebersdorf-West, on 20 January. In addition to vehicles truck was seen leaving the installation.

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4. In the evenings between 18 and 22 January, all quarters of the Artillerie Kaserne in Ebersdorf-Ost and the Nachrichten Kaserne in Ebersdorf-West were fully illuminated. The continuous roar of running motors was heard from the garages of the Nachrichten Kaserne. The two barracks installations seemed to be occupied to capacity. All soldiers seen passing through the gates as well as the sentries at the gates were red-bordered black epaulets. Groups of up to 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen practicing telephone line construction in the vicinity of the billeting areas. About 45 soldiers were observed receiving training in firing, while other troops simulated attacking individually and at squad level on 22 January. About 40 unarmed soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets received close-order drill in the yard of the Artillerie Kaserne on that day. Numerous vehicles were seen at the two barracks installations.

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5. On 18 January, the Infanterie Kaserne and the Artillerie Kaserne on Leninstrasse were occupied by a total of about 600 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Student drivers practiced with truck in front of the Artillerie Kaserne.

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Troops training in the Zeisig Woods north of the installation included 11 men practicing with an aiming circle, 30 men with black-bordered red epaulets and rifles receiving field training, 50 men with black-bordered red epaulets receiving theoretical instruction, and two telephone construction crews practicing the stringing of lines. A unit of 100 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets and carried rifles was seen marching along a forest lane. About 100 other troops with black-bordered red epaulets were engaged in close-combat training with straw dummies at the drill field west of the billeting area.

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Two horse-drawn vehicles hauling manure were seen leaving the billeting area through a gap in the wall on the north side.

6. In mid-December 1951, [] in Chemnitz placed an order for a large quantity of steel hawsers with a cable factory in Turzen (N 52/E 41). [] the unit was a tank unit recently transferred to Chemnitz. **

- * [] Comment. [] vaguely confirm the KGB units and the components of the 6th Gds AA Div which are carried in the Artillerie Kaserne and the Infanterie Kaserne on Leninstrasse. []
- ** [] Comment. In addition to agencies of the Wismut Corporation, a troop unit which may be a headquarters unit of the 1st Gds Hecz Army appeared to be quartered in the barracks installation at Obersdorf.

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[] No tank unit has to date been identified in Chemnitz. The tank unit mentioned in the present report may be the army headquarters unit which appears to be stationed in Obersdorf. [] claimed to have seen the arrival of about 50 tanks in the barracks installation on Leninstrasse in August 1951. []

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